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TETT.

If you can give me some idea of how this coin came to be sanctified I will be grateful

Thanks,

March

R. TETTENHORST
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April 28, 1998

Mr. March Wells
2407 Tuckaho Rd.
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear March:

Thanks for sending me the enclosed 1828 half cent. Of course, I am not sure how this shape occurred, but I do have an opinion which I am glad to share with you.

My best guess is that this is damage that occurred after the coin left the Mint and probably after it had received about the amount of wear now showing on a coin. I don't think it circulated much after the damage was inflicted. The reasoning is as follows:

- On the obverse, the strike is quite typical of the normal strike with the stars on the right having rather full detail. If the coin were struck in come convex/concave manner, it would seem that the periphery of the convex obverse would not have been in contact with the die strongly enough to provide this much detail.

- The ear and the hair in the center of the obverse show approximately as much detail as the lowest and highest hair. If the coin had received the wear that it displays from circulation after receiving its distorted shape, the central portion of the obverse would be raised enough to receive significantly more wear than the portions closer to the edge.

- On the reverse, the central letters AL and EN are considerably flatter than the peripheral letters in UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. This is consistent with these central letters having been in contact with whatever object was pressed into the coin when it was bent. Moreover, if the coin had been bent at the time of striking, the central letters would have been the most protected and would have received less subsequent wear than the other letters.

This may not be a totally persuasive argument to you, but it does represent what occurs to me when I look at the coin. If you have any thoughts to the contrary, I would welcome hearing from you about them. Thanks for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst
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Enclosure

MARCH WELLS

May 31 1999

Dear Tett.

In February 1992 Superior Galleries sold Roger Cohens' large cents. The sale was called the Century Collection. None of the coins in the L.C. section are identified by consignor, but Superior did mention at the start of this section that many of the coins were from Rogers collection.

It is my understanding that you have some of Rogers personal documents regarding his coins. Can you help me identify which lots were Rogers? I have more than a dozen L.C.'s from that sale and I am sure that at least a few came from his collection.

Thanking you in advance, and my best regards to you and family.

Mark Wells

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June 23, 1999

Mr. March Wells
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Dear March:

I do have Roger Cohen's coin documents. However, they are in several large boxes and the information on large cents is not segregated in such a way as to make it readily accessible.

I am certainly willing to see if I can find the information that you want, although, of course, it will not contain any references to the Superior sale, which took place after Roger's death.

There is another avenue which may be more direct and more reliable. If you are still in touch with Debby Cohen, she may have the information from Superior as to the large cents which were sold for her account in that sale, and would probably be willing to share it with you.

If you are not able to get the information you need from that source, please write me again and I will try to find the large cent information in the records that I have.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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MARCH WELLS
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7 July 1999

Ted,

Thanks for the letter. Have solved the problem. Bob Bland cataloged the sale where Rogers L.C.'s were sold. I furnished Bob with some lot numbers. Turned out that 28 of the lots I purchased from the February 92 Superior sale came from Rogers collection. Filled in a real hole in pedigrees of these coins. Thanks again. All the best.

Mark